

Post-Secondary Enrollment Options

This policy establishes the requirements for student enrollment in post-secondary courses taken before high school graduation.

Eligible Institutions

Students may take courses at eligible post-secondary institutions within Maine, which include the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy.

Student Eligibility Requirements

A student may take no more than 12 credit hours at eligible institutions per academic year. A student must meet the following criteria prior to enrolling in a post-secondary course:

- A. A. Have a minimum of a B average [or 3.0] in his/her courses overall, unless the eligible institution has waived the minimum grade/grade point requirement;
- B. Meet the course admission standards of the eligible institution;
- C. Provide evidence of parent/guardian approval for taking the course; and
- D. Receive a recommendation to take a postsecondary course or courses from the school administration or one of the student's secondary school teachers following an assessment of the student by the administration.
- E. A student enrolled in grade 11 or 12 who does not have a B average [**or 3.0**] in his/her courses overall is eligible to take a post-secondary course provided that he/she:
- F. Has been assessed and received a recommendation to take the course from the school administration or from a secondary school teacher; and
- G. Has been approved for participation in the course by an eligible institution.

Awarding of Credits

The eligible institution shall grant full credit to any student who successfully completes a course.

High school graduation credit for a course taken under this policy shall be awarded as determined by the Superintendent in consultation with the High School Principal.

Financial Assistance

The Maine Department of Education shall pay applicable tuition costs (up to the limits of legislative appropriation) for any student enrolled in a course under this policy if the eligible institution requires tuition payment.

The student and his/her parent/guardian are responsible for paying for all textbooks, fees and transportation costs.

School Unit Reporting Requirements

The Superintendent shall make parents and students aware of post-secondary enrollment options through handbooks or other appropriate means.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA Section 4771 et seq.
Chapter 127 (Maine Department of Education Rules)

This is a required policy.

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